BANKS RETREATING SAFELY.

LATER FROM SHERMAN.

HE IS ALL READY FOR ACTION, that the enemy must have seen us moving troops to mass

No Later from Butler.

Grant's Army Greatly Strengthened.

Supplies of All Kinds Plenty.

Re-enforcements More Than the same a moment later a little further to the right. The Struggle to Retake the

Fill His Losses.

LATEST LETTERS FROM OUR ARMIES.

NEWS FROM REBEL PAPERS.

WAR DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL DISPATCHES.

Secretary Stanton to Gen. Dix-Later from was compelled to withdraw his headquarters behind the Red River-All the Gunboats sufe over cover of an eminence, so thick and fatal fell the shot the Falls-Great Triumph of Engineer- and shell. By 10 o'clock the affair was over. New ing-Banks Safety Retreating toward plans were formed at once, and mevements made ac the Mississippi-Later from Sherman- cordingly, whereof it is not proper yet to speak. His Losses more than Replaced-No largest less was inflicted by the enemy's artillery, which Later from Grant or Butler-Our Ar- he has had ample time to place in position. I have

Maj.-Gen. Dix: Dispatches from Maj.-Gen. men particularly lucky. Canby, dated "Mouth of Red River, at Midnight, May 15," state that "Admiral Porter has just afrived. The fighting, but a contest of generalship. The enemy remainder of the gunboats will arrive to-night. Gen is quiet, and hits back only when hit. He is sailen, and Banks will probably reach Semmesport, on the Atcha | purely on the defensive. Nevertheless, I am convinced

A dispatch from Admiral Porter, dated "on board dreams of. Await the development of these things and the fing-ship Black Hawk, mouth of Red River, May possess your souls in patience. 16," states that the portion of the squadren above the falls at Alexandria have been released from their un. Partial List of Casualties on Wednesday, pleasant position, owing to the indefatigable exertions Army Corps, who proposed and built a tree-dam of 600 feet across the river at the lower falls, which enabled all the vessels to pass in safety, the back water of the Mississippi reaching Alexandria, and allowing them to pass over all the shoals and the obstructions planted by the enemy to a point of safety. Lieut. Col. Bailey will be immediately nominated for promotion for distinguished and meritorious services.

An enewers, I, arm.

S.F. Bank, I, thicks.

S.F. Bank, D, thicks.

Sergt. O. N. Hare, H. leg. Corp. M. Bowet, B. back.

Lowell, R. back.

E. C. Rice, K., arm.

Corp. M. Whitton, I. jaw.

Lowell Daniels, R., shodone

Corp. J. O'Donnell, A. arm.

Lowell Can. J. Corp. M. Bowet, B. E. Fatham, G. leg.

S.F. Bank, D, thicks.

Sergt. O. N. Hare, H. leg.

Liberton, D. head.

Whitton, L. jaw.

Corp. M. Whitt of Lient,-Col. Bailey, Acting Engineer of the 19th of Lient.-Col. Bailey, Acting Engineer of the 19th Antonio Juan, B. band.

Army Corps, who proposed and built a tree-dam of 600 A. Powers, I. arm.

Sept. J. P. Brooks, K. foot.

Chas. Lincoln. C., shoulder.

An unofficial report from Cairo, dated May 22, states that the army and gunboats were all safe at the mouth of the Red River and Semmesport.

Major-Gen. Sherman, by a dispatch dated 8:30 p. m. lost night, reports that he would be ready by this morn for to resame his operations. Returned veterans and egiments, he says, have more than replaced all losses and detachments.

We have no official reports since my last telegram office. Grant or Gen. Butler.

Chas. Lincoln. C., shoulder. Liriah Clark. C. foot.

List of wounded of ninth Army Cours in Action of E.

P. Connater.

M. Regan. D. hand.

P. Hertman, C. thigh.

Set. B. F. Sweetzer, C. thigh. Jenn Sunbury, C. thigh.

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M. McCaile. G. arm and leg.

M. McCaile. G. arm and leg.

M. Shaw, F. arm and leg.

M. Shaw, F. arm and leg.

A. P. Griswold, I. head.

J. Harker, C. thigh. Jenn Meintyre, D. head.

Adam Stock, G. leg.

Pat Kinneard, D. shoulder.

Thomas Fox. D. hand.

J. Harker, C. thigh. Jenn Meintyre, D. head.

J. Harker, C. thigh.

J. Hughes, C. tigh.

J. Hughes, C. tigh.

J. H. Thompson, K., hips.

Dani, Rebinson, D., arm.

Ist Lt. Littlefield, A., leg.

Thos. Gavel, B. neck.

Thos. Marland, A. missing.

S. S. Margan, A. missing.

W. Herley, B. missing.

S. C. William

Scott, D. head

Scott, D. head

Lt. J. M. McCollegan, C., arm.

Jos. Fly, G., leg.

Thos. Daly, J., egg.

Thos. Daly, J., egg.

L. E. Hartshorn, A. arm.

Charles Hage, A. kreast.

L. M. Burgers, D., head.

S. S. Margan, A., missing.

W. Herley, B., missing.

Scott, D. head

Scott, D. head

C. William

Scott, D. head

Scott, D. he Official reports of this Department show that within eight days after the great battle at Spottsylvania Court-House, many thousand veteran troops have been forwarded to Gen. Grant. warded to Gen. Grant.

The whole army has been amply supplied with fall entions of subsistence.

Upward of twenty thousand sick and wounded have been transported from the field of battle to the Washington hospitals, and placed under surgical care.

Over eight thousand prisoners have been transported from the field to prison depots, and large amounts of artillery and other implements of an active campaign

brought away. Several thousand fresh cavalry horses have been for warded to the army, and the grand Army of the Potomae is now fully as strong in numbers, and better equipped, supplied, and furnished, than when the cam-

Several thousand reënforcements have also been forwarded to other armies in the field, and ample supplies

During the same time, over 30,000 votanteers for 100 lays have been mustered into the service, clothed, armed, equipped, and transported to their respective

This statement is due to the chiefs of the army, staff and bureaus, and their respective corps, to whom the EDWIN M. STANTON. Secretary of War.

SPECIAL DISPATCHES OF THE NEW-YORK TRIBUNE.

Talk of a Rebel Officer-The South to Fight Fifty Years-His Opinion of Northern People and Northern Soldiers—Northern Divisions, Southern E. F. M. Whitemas, G. ankie.

4. E. Waldron, E. Arin.
E. P. Kelley, G. leg.
C. N. Gilman, C. S.

Special Dispatch to The N. Y. Tribune

WASHINGTON, Monday, May 23 1864. The Republican publishes the following: On Pennsylvania Cavairy, who had been sent with dispatches by Gen. Sheridan, arrived at Fredericksburg, having traversed 60 miles of the enemy's country, and captured three prisoners. The last prisoner they capdured three prisoners. The last prisoner three considering expedition.

In a long conversation with a Virginian while on his way to this city, Capt. Frayser expressed himself with great apparent frankness. He says the South are prepared to fight fifty years longer if necessary, and feel confident they will accomplish their design ultimately, because of the fact that the South is a unit, while the North is divided by political parties. He asserts that the people of the South acquiesce in the repudiation of one-third of their currency, and would stand the repudiation of all as they are the properties. Friday afternoon, a licutenant and three men of the 8th

diation of all, as they are willing to give up their all to win their object, while they understand that the people of the North will act stand great burdens, and are already finding fault with their currency. Their soldiers obey all military orders, those who have no heart in the pline allows no questioning, and therefore the army as which were all repulsed with a heavy Rebel loss and went his rider on foot, and soon after a man was seen well as the people are a unit.

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Third too Formidable for Assault

6 p. m., May 18, 1864. }
Early yesterday it was determined to attac

this morning. At first the decision was to try a move ment upon the left, with the view of turning the ene

upon the left, and the line of attack not proving as favora-

ble there as had been expected, the plan of attack was

recast, and the 2d and 6th Corps were moved during th

night to the extreme right. The assault was to be at

sunrise, Wright at the right, Hancock joining with his

in the order they are named. The struggle actually be-

gan soon after daybreak. It has proved abortive. The

The 2d Corps, having less distance to pass, and being

with the Coreoran Legion, just brought up from Wash-

ington, moved upon the enemy's works immediately,

while the 6th Corps, Neill's and Ricketts's divisions, die

Each of the four divisions easily carried the first two

ers halted his men on approaching the third line, and

refrained from attempting to carry it. Three days of

rest had enabled the enemy to construct an impenetrable

and simultaneously saw they could not carry the ob-

stacles that confronted them. Meanwhile they were

subjected to a fatal artillery fire; the loss was becoming

severe, and there was no opportunity of inflicting a

compensating loss. The whole line withdrew, and s

ended a movement which seemed to promise large su

thelling, and plied their own guns in return. Barnsid

lines of works, and each of the four division comman

losses of the day I estimate at 1,000, and we hold no

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, }

Our Loss 1,000. From Our Special Correspondent.

been unsuccessful.

NEW-YORK, TUESDAY, MAY 24, 1864.

my's right; but late in the afternoon, it being apparent Assault of the Rebels on the Line of Intrenchments.

A BATTLE ON FRIDAY LAST.

left, and Burnside and Warren still further to the left, DESPERATE CONTEST FOR RIFLE-PITS.

more ground than in the morning. The day's work has The Rebels Carry and Hold a Porfirst placed on the road, were somest in position, and opened the ball. The divisions of Barlow and Gibbon, tion of Them.

Rifle-Pits.

abatis fifteen to twenty rods wide, with strong THE GUNBOATS SHELLING THE ENEMY works in its rear, and the division generals instantly

ANOTHER

C. A. P.

MANAGEREATTS.
E. Shulis, G. missing.
C. Williams, G. missing.
Sigt, G. D. Wells, H. Killed.
Wu. Bates, H. wounded.
S. Hillson, H. arm,
J. W. Obin, H. wounded.
Chas, Farkett, H. missing.
B. Muller, K. pioneers, killed.

KILLED.
Sergt. L. T. Holmes, Co. H.

ct, O, lez

C. N. Gillman, C. S. Jno. F. Cole, F. shoun. J. Jason Smith, H. leg. Corp. H. C. Green, I. G. W. Folsom, I. shoulder.

Sergt W. R. Wright, arm, leg. OTHER REGIMENTS. Corp. Edw. S. Lewis, Th. I. K. IngChas, M. Kine W. Fitzpergid, J. R. J. M. John J. R. J.

of the Enemy.

disorganization, and but slight loss on our side.

Sergt. W. R. Wright, arm

Edwin Mayhan, G. missing.

TENTH U. S. INPANTET.

Second Lieut, J. R. Reed, Co. G. scalp.

SECOND N. T. RIPLES (DEMOUNTED).

Sergt, D. Brandle, D. arm. Sergt, A. Lichman, G. h.

SOURTEENTH MASSACHUSETTS LIGHT ARTILLERY.

John Tutten, Co. C. hand

SECOND PERNSTLVANIA HEAVY ARTILLERY.

Geo, Clark, Co. F.

Sergt, L. I. Monday, Co. F.

Adjt, Wm. Washburn, should, lat Lt. Thos. S. Wright, slight, worshed second and third Division sixth anny context Cor. J. N. Denisen, C. 31 Me.C. Williams, G. & Mass., including F. B. Bushey, C. 56 Mass., including

Cor. J. N. Denisen, C. 31 Me., C. Williams, G. 52 Mass., handle head.

J. Malone, F. 6 N. H., scalp.

M. Sonegun, A. 69 N. Y., scalp. Capt. A. J. Stone, 9 H. N., groin.

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C. F. Ayrise, H. 7 R. L. finger.

E. Misses, K. 1 Mass. S. S., C. C. Roberts, E. 9 N. H., hand.

J. Dursew, H. 9 N. H., carm.

E. Misses, K. 1 Mass. S. S., C. C. Roberts, E. 9 N. H., thigh.

hand.

R. Faux, B. 55 Mass., hand.

N. Clark, G. 51 N. Y., arm.

J. H. Teler, G. 11 N. H., hand.

W. Clark, G. 51 N. Y., arm.

J. H. Teler, G. 11 N. H., hand.

W. Warren, G. 10 N. Y., shoul.

let I. J. B. Hammond, C. 72 G. Smith, I. 51 N. Y., head.

Me., instep.

A. Richardson, B. Z. Me., leg.

J. Dunfort, G. 69 N. Y., breast. S. Crider, E. 45 Pa., wrist.

R. Guton, H., 7 R. L. thigh.

Capt. M. Open, G. 7 R. L., leg. E. Williams, D. 46 Fa., shool.

J. E. Rice, H., 7 R. I., howels, J. Graham, F. 45 Pa. thigh.

Cor. C. S. Gordon, A. 60 Olino, Cer. O., B. Cram, B., H. N. H.,

celf.

C. Howe, F. 9 N. H., head.

C. O. Browning, F. 7 R. I., brst.

F. M. Wilterman, G. ankis.

John Morry, E. chim.

S. H., head.
C. O. Browning, Y. R. S., orner THEATY FIFTH MASSACHUSETTS.
G. G. ankle.
E. arm.
J. John Morry, E. chin.
J. M. Bartlett, A. back.
C. A. Clark, K. ice.
A. Cark, K. ice.
G. W. Blake, K. foot.
I. shoulder.
Seth Warner, missing.

BATTLE EXPECTED.

cess. During these two or three hours, Burnside at the The Buttle on Friday-A Contest for center and Warren at the left, were subjected to severe Rifle-Pits-The Rebels Get Them. m Our Special Correspondent.

TENTH ARMY CORPS, KEAR CITY POINT, VA., }
Friday evening, May 20, 1864.

There has been to-day a fierce and sanguina ry battle on the spot which I mentioned in my last-the He is all Rendy to Resume Operations—
The Corceran legion suffered most severely, witness front of the 3d Division of this corps, under Gen. Ames. the accompanying partial list of easualties. By far the course not impossible (since the most accurate observed is liable to be misinformed), injustice has been done the mies Stronger and better Supplied now never before seen such terrible wounds as those of to- loth Corps in some of your published correspondence. than when Grant opened the Campaign. day, and have never heard of so many hair-breadth the corps has had to-day, and will have hereafter, and Washington, Monday, May 23, 1864. escapes. Horses seemed to be particularly unlucky, and opportunity to prove their fighting qualities beyond all

As has been before stated, our line passes 'irregularly Four days these armies have been maneuvering-little from the Appointtox on the left to the James on the right. The approachable spot was at a single point of the line, in a space of about 800 yards in width and there are more things in Grant's philosophy than he the same in depth,

The Rebels had come up in front of the clearing, hav ing followed us down from Fort Darling, and had posted their first guns in the yard of the Howlett House. This house is behind a fall in the ground, and at several From Our Special Correspondent. points along the same line they have posted light batte. ries. The clearing is wholly our own work, and is youd our power to remove.

the right of it, which is in the woods.

fifteen paces, even in a camp where fires had been burning all night. What mischief the Rebels might driving our skirmishers out after a desperate fight. One "That was in front of my division," says Gen. prepare under its cover, no one knew; but it was of the officers commanding a portion of the line so the was looked for later in the night, but none came.

Rebels charged upon them with their peculiar shortlived enthusiasm and their yell, and were met firmly, and the position might have been held without difficulty. had not the 9th Maine broken and fled to the woods

Our men once out of the pit and in retreat, the impet in the clearing. Then our guns, angry but silent while they shelled away at us yesterday, opened with spherical case, and they tumbled back to their newly ac-

Now came a momentary lull, and then the 3d Regular necticut in the clevated redoubt further to the right, necticut in the clevated redoubt further to the right, pointing diagonally and partly across it, opaned fire, pointing diagonally and partly across it, opaned fire, rounded the positions attained by our gunboats of first mostly spherical case. The practice was mainly at first mostly spherical case. The practice was mainly excellent, under the personal direction of Gen. Ames, most of the shell bursting over the pit. The Rebel guns returned the fire, but their shots counted hardly more than a fifth of ours, and only an insignificant number were struck, while our own fire was not in the least retarded. Meanwhile the 13th Indiana, Col. Dobbs, made a gallant and, as it seemed, imprudent charge upon the pit on the right, but were repulsed when within about a hundred yards of the work. During this charge we have a contended to the positions attained by our gunboats of the seen, while our own fire was mainly different flank, they will find themselves in a more unconfortable position than contemplated. Gen. Butler and manualition, Sir," he remarks to Gen. Butler, "and all A. A. P. Diller, 39 Ill., hand. A. Adergog, 39 Ill., sam. J. Hatchings, 39 Ill., band. A. R. P. Diller, 39 Ill., band. A. R. Diller, 39 Ill., band. A. R. Diller, 39 Ill., band. A. R. Diller, 39 Ill., band. hundred yards of the work. During this charge we took prisoners Major-Gen. Walker of South Carolina, who was here temporarily in command of a brigade

The firing being over for the present, our men could be seen huddled behind apple trees and others in the From Our Special Correspondent. BALTIMORE, Monday, May 23, 1864. A letter from Fortress Monroe of the 21st clearing. The Lieutenant Colonel of the 115th Newstates that the Rebel Cavalry had attacked Fort Pow- York rode airly out upon an elegantly caparisoned cause being afraid to do otherwise. Southern disci- hatan on the James River, making three charges horse, against warning, when down went the horse, off '9 crawl carefully to the animal and remove the trap- noiseance, as a counter movement, was sent out on the exclamation,

sylvania was seen advancing against the left of the rifle-pit, in the open clearing. Their leader had mistaken him an enviable reputation, being made Chief Engineer, or not followed precisely his orders, and the Rebels had in place of Capt. Farquhar. Gen. Martindale was as come in, and suddenly they rose and poured upon the signed to the command of the 2d Division of the 18th 97th a murderous fire of infantry and grape, and they Corps, in place of Gen. Weitzel. help, but they ran desperately forward, hesitated, along the lines to-day; and the hand of a master was wavered and ran back, all in the space of a moment of visible at various points before neglected. New breasttime. Meanwhile our guns were turned upon the spot, works, outer-works, and redoubts were visible; weak and the fire of the Rebels rapidly diminished. Thence- places and been and were being strengthened, fresh forward, for something like an hour, it was possible with a fair chance of impunity to sit upon the parapet and watch our shells, although for a time Rebeishot dition;" which it certainly was not before, if the opinflew wildly over us, and the trees flew into splinters. The clearing was now nearly empty of men, but about the rifle-pit on the right. Five o'clock, and musketry crackled vigorously in the woods, showing that Terry's division was contesting there the right of the pit, and the guns were turned in that direction. They fired and a conference was held. without intermission until 54, then came a lull, during which the Rebels could be seen busily spading and throwing the pit over the other way, while our men repaired the embrasures, many of which were too narrow, beside having been torn by the guns themselves. Evening came, and all was quiet on the frent, but on the extreme left we heard heavy firing from gunboats on the Apportation or from Hinks's battery on the other bank, shelling the ravine which runs from the river to the Rebel position here. The woods have been so slashed that the signal corps communicate between the redoubts, and Terry's headquarters on the bank of the James are plainly visible.

Our losses to-day cannot new be estimated. In infantry fire they are heavy, and probably exceed that of the enemy: but our artillery practice was good, the Rebels being sometimes seen on the run for the woods, and, perhaps, thus we have restored the balance of death. A few ensualties occurred from our own guns. Not a musket shot was fired from our works.

Some shells of the 3d Artillery failed to explode this afternoon. One or two were examined and found to be filled with harmless plaster.

SATURDAY, 7 a. m.—Firing on the left continued far

into the night. Our batteries have just begun to fire again slowly, and the pit must be retaken to day at whatever cost, for its loss will be the loss of our position on the Peninsula.

I find, on looking over my first letter from Fort Darling, that I inadvertently wrote the name of Gen. Smith for that of Gillmore in one connection. I should have stated that on Friday, Gen. Gillmore, with the let Brigade of Brooks's division of the 18th Corps, charged upon and took the Rebel right.

Another Rebel Night Assault-It is Repulsed, and Renewed on Friday-Cowardice of a Inion Officer-A Mistake in Battle, and its Consequences-Rebels Defented-What Beauregard Intends-Gen. Butler thinks Otherwise.

HEADQUARTERS GEN. BUTLER, May 20, 1864. fies. The clearing is wholly our own wor, and a shown by the tenacity with which they cling to ap there are twelve brigades in front of us. Estimating tent. One strip of woods which threatened us with parent impossibilities. Having devoted Wednesday these at 2,000 men each, probably an underestimate, and Thursday to feeling our position, during which those next the Howlett House remain, and are now be considerable picket firing and some skirmishing occurrence. Greening and Ranson's Histandes of ond our power to remove.

On Wednesday night our pickets dug a rifle pit in assault upon a line of rifle pits dug by our pickets along North Carolina troops; Hunton's, Terry's our line, extending a quarter of a mile into the woods panied this attack and our batteries responded. From Walker's South Carolina brigades, and Bushrod E. on our right, which yet stand. It was evident that the noise one would have thought terrible have was this pit is invaluable to its possessors, and accordingly being made by the shells thrown indiscriminately Walker is dangerously wounded, and a prisoner. The the Rebels drove us out of it this morning, and the around, but judging the effect of our fire by the results bullet, which inflicted a mortal wound, passed through struggle of to-day has been an attempt to regain it, of theirs it is safe to say that the effect was chiefly a map, a diary, and a large number of papers in his river to river, which is so far unsuccessful, although we have retaken moral. The Rebels did not succeed in carrying the pocket, orders, telegrams, &c. Nothing of importance rifle-pits they assailed, and after their retirement quiet was gleaned from them. A letter from his wife-but Last night there was an alarm between 11 and 12, with increased vigilance prevailed. To-day another God forbid that the last hours of a dying soldier should and another between 2 and 3, caused by picket firing. assault was made. In front of Gen. Ames's line near be intruded upon by allusion to its contents. One of the Both times there was skirmishing and charging, but the center, the rifle-pits mentioned lie at the skirt of prisoners said they "suffered most in front of a brigade

thought they would try to plant batteries in the woods forgot his duty as a soldier as to withdraw himself and reception." on the right of the Howlett House, on the ground where force without firing a shot. Gen. Butler, who was anx is now our section of the rifle-pit, and further alarm jously watching the fight from the parapet, immediately ordered the officer before him, and, telling him shell to get the range. Admiral Lee is disposed to do At nine, or thereabout, the muskets began a Hvely that it would cost ten lives for every one to retake what all in his power to cooperate. At nine, or thereabout, the maskets began a fively that it would cost ten lives for every one to retake what concelled, and the guns opened from the Rebel position. He might have held, dismissed him from the service. In the might have held, dismissed him from the service. In the might have held, dismissed him from the service. In an attempt to retake the rifle-pits the 97th Pennsylvania control of the service. In an attempt to retake the rifle-pits the 97th Pennsylvania control of the service. In an attempt to retake what it would cost ten lives for every one to retake what it is no power to cooperate with an power to cooperate. We are chatting after dark under the "fly" before R. Wallana, 97 Pa., legs. Clief of Staff's tent, when a dispatch comes from Gen. Chief of Staf portions of the 4th New-Hampshire, 55th Pennsylvania, by another portion of Gillmore's forces. Misunder-swarming and there'll be buzzing yet," is the response and 97th New-York were occupying the rifie-pit, the standing the order, the troops were moved by the flank as the Chief strides off to Gen. Butler's tent. "Let regiment first named being nearly in the center. The along the skirt of the woods. Marching steadily along, them mass and be --- hanged. Telegraph Gen. Gillthey came unexpectedly upon a Rebel battery, which opened a murderous cross fire, litterally mowing them conic response of the Commanding General. We smoke down. It appeared to the looker-on as though the entire our pipes, have our jokes, laugh our laughs and nearly force melted away before this terrific rain of grape and all return. The General does not. Your correspondthus permitting the Rebels to enter the pit and flank canister. The loss is estimated, possibly exaggerated, ent seats himshif to write. Eleven o'clock and silence the remaining regiments, compelling them to retire, at 300. The other movement was partially successful, reigns. Ten minutes later and through the still air Two Lieutenants of the 9th Maine, who retired their and the Rebels were driven from their position, Brig. men without orders, were brought this afternoon before | Gen. Walker, C. S. A., was dangerously wounded and Gen. Ames, and by him sent to Gen. Butler, who sum- captured. To night the Navy gunboats in the Apponarily dismissed one of them from the service. Both matter are shelling the woods in front of the left and deserve severe punishment, for this unfortunate affair toward the center, At sunset the report of their heavy General !" "Yes, Sir, our people are certainly awake." severe battles as the price of holding our position music of the regimental bands along our line, recalled the Rebels in the pit, and the woods which yet stand the Fourth-of-July exhibitions of fireworks, where the next the Howlett House are the twin sources of apprehen- programme read, "Grand discharge of heavy mines, with variegated stars and many-colored fires." The though a traitor. It appears evident that the intestion lines, for the purpose of holding any movement of ours pay us an untimely visit. in check until they can reestablish railroad communica-

> Butler Strengthening His Position-Visits to Generals -- Personal Impressions --The Rebel Force-A Night Assault-

HEADQUARTERS OF GEN. BUTLER, }
IN THE FIELD, May 21, 1864.

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The Advance on Wednesday-Two Lines FROM GENERAL BUTLER. pings, the Rebels amusing themselves with firing at which was made by our troops, though only affecter, him. For a rarity, there was no rain, and the day was undoubtedly prevented a more serious assault from the oppressively hot. The hot noon steamed away, and at 21 Rebeis. Considerable firing took place, but the losses our guns again began to roar. Word was brought that the left of the pit was empty, and soon the 97th Penn-change was made in the Engineer Bureau, Gen, Weitzel,

seemed to fall in swaths. It was a sad sight, without The result of the change was apparent during a ride slashing was made, and, as an old soldier remarked, "the line is now in something like a satisfactory con ion of officers of experience is worth anything. The Rebels have been busy to-day on their works, and some 4 o'clock word came that Coi. Howell's brigade was in very good artillery practice was made on our side by way of keeping them from overworking themselves. Gen. Butler and staff rode along the lines to the extreme right on the James. Here Admiral Lee was sent for,

From the lookout the Rebel works on Chapin's farm were plainly seen and grayback cavalry were discovered pirouetting about Dr. Howlett's mansion. A flash, a cloud of smoke, and a report from an iron-clad immediately opposite us, and an 11-inch shell went whirring through the air, over fields, woods and creeks toward the mansion of the doctor. It fell and exploded a trifle short, but quite near enough to convince the Rebels that it was intended as a ticket-of-leave for them, and they had the good sense to act upon the suggestion.

We visit Gen! Ames's headquarters. The General looks "every inch a"-soldier. He wastes no words but talks business; says one gun could have done all the work of the several guns which have been plying on the Rebel working parties; who, whenever a shot was fired dodged behind their breastwork, and that kept them from working. He is courteous and gentlemanly.

We visit Gen. Terry: he rides out with us. He looks like a pleasant, good-natured man-has a determined look crossed by an anxious expression, which lends one to doubt which to believe the true characteristic But remembrances of the determined fighting which Gen, Terry has done efface the doubt, and one im plicitly believes that he will render most efficient sevice. Gen. Terry is soldier enough to obey orders. Would that all were like him in this respect.

Returning to headquarters, we find a number of prisners who are to be examined. The General sends for Lieut. Davenport, who has charge of the Bureau of Se cret Information, and whose phonographic attainments and shrewdness render him invaluable. The General examines and cross-examines the prisoners in his well known manner, and it is safe to say elicits more from them and obtains nearer the truth than any other than a sharp, shrewd lawyer, accustomed to dealing with men of all classes and characters, could. ers say they "don't know what they are fighting for;" 'do not enjoy so much liberty as under the old Govern "suppose they would be killed if they didn't ment;" fight." One man answers to the "What are you fightng for " " Well. I had lots of spare time on my hands, and it kinder seemed as though I must."

From the various sources of information which Gen Butler has at hand and the superior facilities he has of The desperateness of the Rebel cause is obtaining intelligence, it has been ascertained that

our troops held their pit. The moon shone, setting just after the second alarm, and our old enemy, the fog, was so thick that a man could not be distinguished at form an irregular semicircle. The "Rebs." came down and, when we came up, just slaughtered us as we got

" Not much." was the answer. The gunboats got into position and fired a number of

We are chatting after dark under the "fly" before more to be sure and guard against surprise," is the laour pipes, have our jokes, laugh our laughs and nearly all return. The General does not. Your correspondent seats himshif to write. Eleven o'clock and silence reigns. Ten minutes later and through the still air the crack of a ritle is heard, immediately followed by a continuous roll.

I leave my writing and go out into the open air. Gen. Butler is there before me. "Pretty lively shooting. Butler is there before me. "Pretty lively shooting. General!" "Yes. Sir, our people are certainly awake." (C. Cean, do., lean, do., lead.

has cost hundreds of lives to day, and threatens as with guns and the explosion of their shells, mingled with the center, another and another, and then comes the report of our cannon. The continued roll of the musketry, the quickened roar of the artillery, the sharp reports of the bursting shells bring out from their tents the staff. delightful music of the bands dispelled the terrors of The gunboats on the Appointation determined to have a uous Rebels pursued, recklessly charging into full view war, and one forgot in the strains that the bursting shell hand in the game, open fire—the gunboats on the James might be the death-knell of some fellow-creature, even return a friendly answer, and shell whirl across the peninsula and from our batteries to the great detriment of the Rebels is to intrench themselves outside of our of any "surprise party" that may have intended to Three horses are brought up. "Whose horses are

Battery, in the left redoubt, the 4th New-Jersey adjointion with Petersburg and North Carolina. Whether those " "Gen. Weitzel's, Sir." Promptness to be ing it on the right, both facing the pit, and the 1st Con- for the purpose of bringing up supplies or of emulated, "If ever I catch Beauregard, if I don't I. necticut in the elevated redoubt further to the right, taking off Lee's army remains to be seen, whale him for this," and a tall form strides into the pointing diagonally and partly across it, opened fire. With the positions attained by our gunboats group. That is Gen. Weitzel, "Wasting a good deal of

graphic dispatch. The General opens and reads. gather around. "This is from the other direction.
Fort Powhatan is all right. A few shell scattered the Staff Talk - Demonstration on Fort attacking force." A demonstration had been made upon Fort Powhatan during the afternoon. Renforcements were at once sent, but were not needed. The fire of the batteries slackened: the gunboats con-The fire of the batteries slackened; the gunboats continued to send their iron compliments. A flash brighter, redder, broader than the rest, and a hearty Yankee cheer fellowed. "That's our cheer" was the revoluntion.

Court OF GENERAL SESSIONS—May 21.—Before Recorder Hoffman. (Giovanni Lagarmonenco Indicted for grand larger), was tried and sequitted. Giovanni Control Weish, robberty, State Prison five years. Last night, fears being entertained of an brighter, redder, broader than the rest, and a hearty assault, unusual vigilance was exercised, and a recon- Vankee cheer followed. "That's our cheer" was the

The group continued reviling the Rebels for disturband when they could make it up. A discount from Gen. Gillmore: "My pickets have been violently attacked but have not been driven in." I should say they were driven in." I should say they were driven in "so as to stay put." Gen. Weitzel having sent back his horses goes to bed. Others drop off in pursuance of his examples. Several correspondents hang about to catch the last flash, hear the last report, and bag the last item. Your correspondent beats a retreat and writes in the silence which comes over camp the concluding portion of this letter.

The Batteries at Work-New Rifle Pits Dug - Good Artillery Practice - The Rebel Force-Gen. Weitzel Appointed Chief Engineer.

from Our Special Correspondent.

TENTH ARMY CORPS, NEAR CITY POINT, Va., }
Saturday Evening, May 21, 1864.

The batteries which fired yesterday, as menoned in my last, reopened slowly and deliberately at 7 o'clock this morning. As the rain has ceased for the present, the air is drier, and last night gave us the on, without the accompaniment of fog, but while our pickets had dug themselves a new rifle-pit, a little in front of the old one, the Rebels had extended their line toward the woods on our left by throwing up a new pit ensiderably nearer us, on the extremity of which appeared an embryo and threatening redoubt, which our guns were deliberately shelling.

Standing on the magazine of battery Metcalf, the redoubt on the right, though deafened by the roar of the Parrotts at my feet, I watched with keen satisfaction the effect. Presently musketry was heard again in the woods to our right, which lasted but a few moments. however; but at the same time the Rebels opened a gan from their new redoubt at the left, directing it toward the woods. As it was discharged, our Parretts and Napoleons let fly at the point where the smoke rose, and it was speedily silenced.

The firing continued slowly, and I moved to a battery to the left, which exactly faced the location of the Robe gue. On the right of the old rifle-pit, nearly in front of the Howlett House, waved a Rebel flag of some rich and dark red material, heavily fringed, but floating so that it device could not be seen; along the field our skirmishers squatted in their pits like rabbits, and our guns fired

The practice was mainly excellent, a majority of the shells throwing a cloud of sand at the instant of explosion, and the "Johnnies" laid very low. Now and then a bad shell burst short, over our pits, and the men in the works grouned and cursed; but at every shot which was seen through the smoke to burst in the exact spot and make the earth of the Robel pit fly, cheering went up from every throat in the battery. At the 4th New-Jersey Battery the spectacle was refreshing. Solid shot were fired from two Napoleons, and at every discharge the eye could follow the black speck in its curve through the air till it struck-as nearly every one did, although the weakness of the platforms ranged the firing—the edge of the parapet where the Rebel gun was, making the red dirt fly and knocking several extra embrasures, into which a head was occasionally cautiously thrust and soon withdrawn. The firing lasted until 94 o'clock.

The afternoon passed with hardly even a stray musket shot on either side. Our men busily shoveled and chopped, and undoubtedly the Rebels did the same, although little could be distinguished.

The gunboats on the James fired occasionally during the afternoon. It is suggested by an authority quite high that were the woods slashed away they could fire directly into the ravine which lies between us and the Rebel position. The Rebel force in our front is estimated at 25,000.

The loss in the 97th Pennsylvania yesterday was about 170; in the 13th Indiana, about 60.

Gen. Godfrey Weitzel, commanding the 2d Division of the 18th Corps, has been appointed Chief Engineer of Gen. Butler's department. Gen. Martindale is named as the successor of Weitzel in the command of the division Col. Jacob J. DeForest, 81st New-York, senior Colonel

of Marston's brigade, has received a complimentary testimonial from a number of his fellow eltizens, residents of Albany, in the shape of a recommendation to

Brigadier-Generalship. To-day has been fearfully hot, and the labor of fatigue duty (rightly named), and of work on the fortififront of the Rebel position, and about 800 yards from the center of our intrenchments. Cannonading accom- Corse's, and Wise's Virginia brigades; Hagood's and cations, exhausts the men almost as much as actual the besiegers to break the line, or when their other objects are accomplished, they may possible retire.

Signal communication is now fully established from

Wounded in Butler's Army.

FORTRESS MONROE, May 22, 1864. List of wounded soldiers arrived at the Mo-Clellan Hospital from Point of Rocks, on the Appomat

Capt. Stining, 97 Pa., arm.
Lieut. Lemniser, 97 Pa., hip.
Lory. W. F. Green, 97 Pa., hip.
Le Frock, 97 Pa., Phip.
L. Frock, 97 Pa., Phip.
James Adams, 97 Pa., foot.
Chas. Entricken, 97 Pa., leg.
Serat McBay, 97 Pa., thigh.
Lese M. Evyles, 97 Pa., thigh.
Lese M. Evyles, 97 Pa., thigh.
L. M. Griffith, 97 Pa., hip.
A. K. Wright, 97 Pa., thigh.
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Geo. M. Anderson, 97 Pa., b, Morrow, 97 Pa., and grantschild.
B. Patterson, 97 Pa., shoulder.
D. Morrow, 97 Pa., and patterson, 97 Pa., shoulder.
B. Patterson, 97 Pa., shoulder. tox River:

W. L. Brown, 97 Pa., breast. A. C. Miller, 97 Pa., shoulder.

B. F. Heath, do., hand.
P. Kellett, do., arm.
S. Fean, do., shoulder.
G. W. Fitch, do., hand.
J. Hall, do., eye.
H. Duffy, do., band.
M. Hobart, 13 Ind., face.
G. Guster, do., arm.
W. Fink, do., head.
Henry John, do., head.
Freds. Fisher, do., arm.
J. Rowers, do., brad.
H. Beta, do., head.
H. Beta, do., head.
J. Coloura, T. N. H., arm.

H. Betz, do., head. J. Colburn, 7 N. H., arm. J. L. Blaisidedli, J. N. H., arr. W. J. Mathews, do., hand. J. D. Lovett, do., arn. J. G. White, do., head. C. H. L. Roberts, 39 Ill., shoul-

## The New Eurollment. It is expected that the new enrolling list will

be completed before the 1st of July. A large force of cierks are employed at the several Provost-Marshals offices, making out the enrolling papers.